***Statement***

*Targets fixed and mandays generated under EAS and JGSY and the number of Swarozgaris assisted under SGSY from 1999—2002*
*Madhya Pradesh*

(*Mandays generated: In lakhs*)

| | JGSY/SGRY | | EAS/SGRY | | SGSY | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Target | Mandays generated | Target | Mandays generated | Target | No. of swarozgaris assisted |
| 1999-2000 | — | 265.27 | 418.69 | 288.9 | — | 112118 |
| 2000-2001 | — | 208.44 | 129.06 | 159.37 | — | 71823 |
| 2001-2002 | — | 242.52 | 164.18 | 225.82 | — | 63910 |
| TOTAL : | — | 716.23 | 711.93 | 674.09 | — | 247851 |

**Implementation of DRDA works in Assam**

2185. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the difficulty in directing Assam Government to rectify the wrong implementation of rural development works through DRDA in Assam; and

(b) whether Government propose to take action against those responsible for non-implementation or wrong-implementaion of DRDA works in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Government of Assam has reported that rural development programmes sponsored by this Ministry, have been implemented as per guidelines.

(b) Government of Assam has taken the following corrective measures for smooth implementation of rural development programmes:—

* Appointment of Chief Vigilance Commissioner to look into corruption charges against officials.
* Block Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been set up to prevent misuse of public money and to attend to public grievances.

Panchayat elections have been held and it is now the Panchayti Raj Institutions, which have been entrusted with the work of implementation.

**Wasteland in the country**

2186. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is 60 million hectares of waste land and degraded land in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated hectares of such land in Maharashtra/Andhra Pradesh/Madhya Pradesh/UP/Rajasthan; and

(c) what are the plans for bringing it under cultivation or forest cover under the Tenth five Year Plan, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) As per the 'Wastelands Atlas of India, 2000' brought out by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) using Remote Sensing satellite data, the total extent of wastelands/degraded land in the country is 63.85 m. ha.

(b) The area of wasteland as per the Wastelands Atlas of India, 2000, is 5.35 m. ha. in the State of Maharashtra, 5.17 m. ha. in the State of Andhra Pradesh, 6.97 m. ha. in the State of Madhya Pradesh, 3.88 m. ha. in the State of Uttar Pradesh and 10.56 m. ha. in the State of Rajasthan.

(c) During the Tenth Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs. 4400 crores has been allocated for the implementation of the three major Watershed Development Schemes *viz.* Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) in the country. States are sanctioned new projects each year on the basis of specific proposals. During 2002-03, the first year of the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Scheme-wise release of funds on account of Central share to the States mentioned in part (b) to the question is as follows: